

MediaTitle	New Sabah Times English (KK)		
Date	15 Apr 2016	Language	English
Circulation	17,182	Readership	51,546
Section	Sport	Color	Full Color
Page No	24	ArticleSize	764 cm <sup>2</sup>
AdValue	RM 4,082	PR Value	RM 12,246



# Our women footballers storm into Cup decider

By FRANCIS XAVIER  
Francis@newsabah-  
times.com.my

**KOTA KINABALU:** Sabah women advanced into the final of the 29th Tun Sharifah Rodziah Cup Football Tournament 2016 after trouncing hosts Kedah 5-0 at the Universiti Utara Malaysia (UUM) in Sintok yesterday.

The semi-final tie played at the UUM field II saw the 11-time champions take a 1-0 lead at half time before adding four more goals after the break.

The team's leading scorer Nurul Azurin Mazlan scored twice for Sabah, while Yastrika Laura Tumas, Shereilynn Elly Pius and Usliza Usman netted once each.

Azurin drew first blood for her side with her 12th minute effort. But that was it in the opening 35 minutes as they went into the half time break taking the slender lead.

After the break, they upped their tempo, and their efforts were rewarded as they scored three goals in the space of four minutes.

Yastrika struck their second in the 45th minute, followed by the third a minute later through Shereilyn. Then Azurin netted her second and fourth for her side in the 48th minute before Usliza sealed their comfortable win with her 51st minute

strike.

"It was a tough first half, but the players managed to keep focused and continue searching for the goals," said Sabah head coach Smith M Ampuling when contacted yesterday.

"I think we were a little nervous, but as the match progressed they managed to settle down, and that was when they started to dictate play.

"I hope, they will maintain their spirit and determination when we play in the final on Saturday," he added.

Sabah will meet defending champions MISC-MI-

FA in a repeat final of last year on Saturday.

MISC-MIFA clinched their final ticket after defeating Sarawak 3-0 in another semi-final.

Sabah-born Haindee Mosroh scored twice for the champions, while the other goal was contributed by Nurul Hamira Yusma Mohd Yusri.

"It is going to be an exciting final. It is going to be a tough one too, and our mission is to avenge our defeat in the final last year," Smith said.

For the record, MISC-MIFA is strengthened by 11 Sabahans, of whom five are national players.

*'It is going to be an exciting final. It is going to be a tough one too, and our mission is to avenge our defeat*

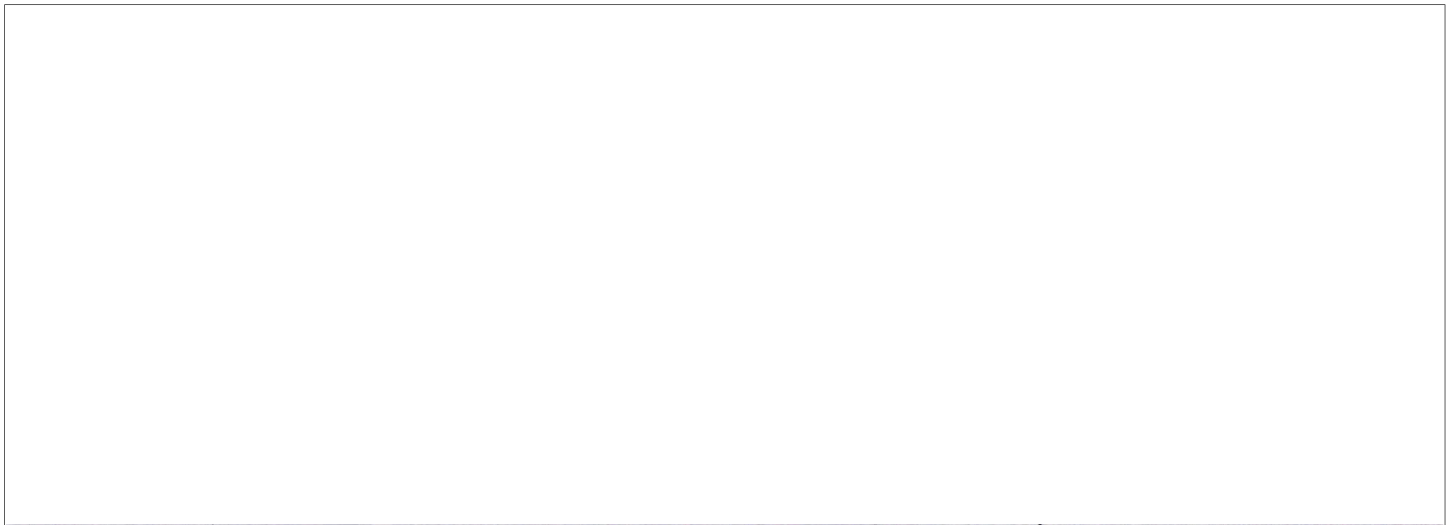
*in the final last year'*

**- SMITH**

Headline	Our women footballers storm into Cup decider		
MediaTitle	New Sabah Times English (KK)		
Date	15 Apr 2016	Language	English
Circulation	17,182	Readership	51,546
Section	Sport	Color	Full Color
Page No	24	ArticleSize	764 cm²
AdValue	RM 4,082	PR Value	RM 12,246



Headline	Our women footballers storm into Cup decider		
MediaTitle	New Sabah Times English (KK)		
Date	15 Apr 2016	Language	English
Circulation	17,182	Readership	51,546
Section	Sport	Color	Full Color
Page No	24	ArticleSize	764 cm²
AdValue	RM 4,082	PR Value	RM 12,246



ON TRACK FOR SILVERWARE ... the Sabah women's team pose for a group photo after clinching a place in the final of the 29th Tun Sharifah Rodziah Cup Football Tournament 2016, which is happening in Kedah. Smith is seen standing second from right.